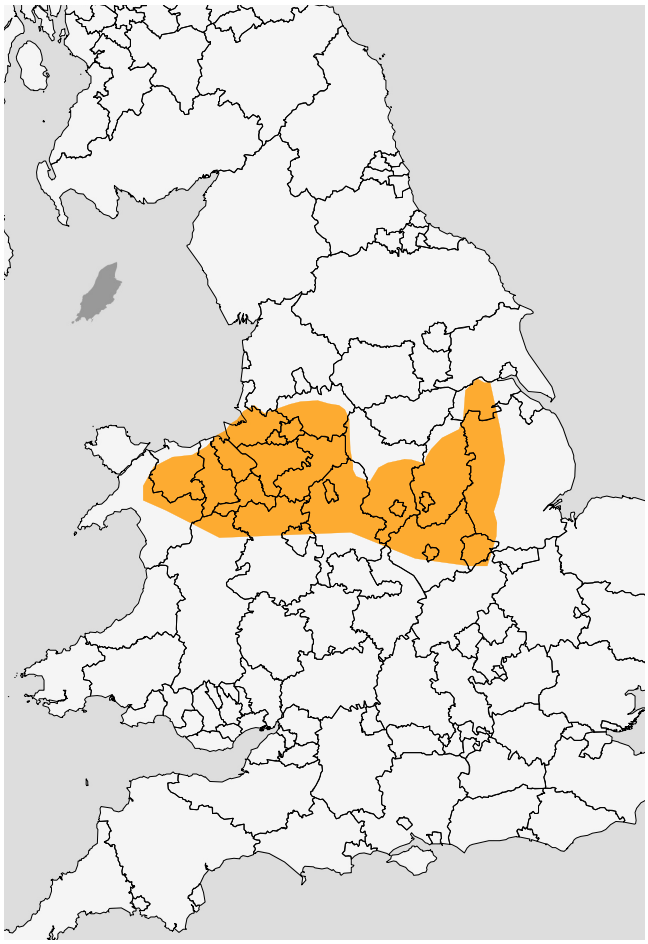
Amber warning
Snow & Ice

Between
18:00 Sat 4 Jan 2025 and
12:00 Sun 5 Jan 2025



Snow and freezing rain will likely lead to disruption to transport and some other services.

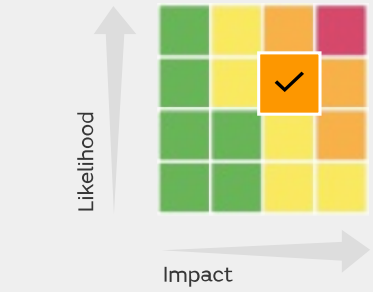
What to expect

- Travel delays on roads are likely, stranding some vehicles and passengers
- Some delays and cancellations to bus, rail and air travel are likely
- There is a good chance that some rural communities could become cut off
- Some road closures and longer journey times possible
- Untreated pavements and cycle paths likely to be impassable
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage

Further details

Further sleet and snow is likely on Sunday morning, followed by a spell of freezing rain in some places. This is likely to bring some hazardous travel conditions, before milder air follows northwards across all areas.

3-7 cm of snow is likely for much of the warning area, with locally 15-30 cm for the higher ground of Wales and the southern Pennines. Freezing rain could lead to ice accretion in places, especially parts of Wales, before the milder air leads to a rapid thaw of snow and ice in the south of the warning area through Sunday.



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

What should I do?

It is safer not to drive in these conditions, but if you need to make an essential journey, consider alternative forms of transport, to keep you and others safe. If you must drive, do this more safely by: using dipped headlights; accelerating gently, using low revs and changing to higher gears as quickly as possible; starting in second gear to help with wheel slip; maintaining a safe and steady speed, keeping distance from other vehicles; using a low gear to go downhill, avoiding braking unless necessary; steering into skids, not taking your hands of the wheel, and avoiding slamming on brakes.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If isolated due to snow or ice, follow these simple steps to keep safe and well: keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night; turn off electrical heaters and put out your fire before going to bed; ensure pets are safe by keeping them warm and comfortable; prevent frozen pipes by opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing; stay indoors, wrap up warm and close internal doors to keep the heat in; and, if you need support call the British Red Cross Support Line on 0808 196 3651.

Help to protect vulnerable people that you know including older people, those with underlying conditions and those who live alone; they may need support with food and medical supplies. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

Reason for update

The southern boundary of the warning area has been trimmed to reflect that snow is now turning to rain, although freezing rain may still lead to icy conditions in places.

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All regions & authorities affected

East Midlands

Derby Derbyshire Leicester Leicestershire Lincolnshire Northamptonshire Nottingham Nottinghamshire Rutland

North West England

Cheshire East Cheshire West and Chester Greater Manchester Halton Lancashire Merseyside Warrington

Wales

Conwy Denbighshire Flintshire Gwynedd Powys Wrexham

West Midlands

Shropshire Staffordshire Stoke-on-Trent Telford and Wrekin Warwickshire

Yorkshire & Humber

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